

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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**For: METHOD FOR DIGESTING PROTEINS HIGHLY RESISTANT TO
DENATURATION AND DEGRADATION**

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We, MEIJI SEIKA KAISHA, LTD., declare and state that:

We are the Assignees of the entire right, title and interest of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application, as evidenced by the Assignment recorded on August 18, 2005, at REEL 017446, FRAME 0440.

We agree that upon allowance and issuance of the above identified application into a United States Patent, restriction on availability of the following deposit will be irrevocably removed:

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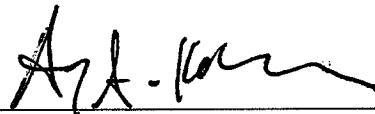
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